Proposals pending for setting up of DD centres and Radio Stations

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals pending at present for setting up of Radio Stations and Doordarshan Centres in different parts of the country;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise/location-wisc/District-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the implementation of such projects in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Requests for setting up of new AIR/Doordarshan Stations are received from time to time by Prasar Bharati and these arc taken into consideration while formulating Five Year/Annual Plans, subject to availability of resources and infrastructural facilities.

Prasar Bharati formulates plans for expension of AIR/Doordarshan facilities in the country after taking into account existing coverage and infrastructural facilities at a given place, extent of resultant coverage, *inter-se* priorities, availability of financial resources etc. Prasar Bharati has no list of pending proposals for setting up of Doordarshan Kendras/AIR Stations.

(c) Regular monitoring of all projects in AIR and Doordarshan Network is carried out by Prasar Bharati at the Zonal and Head Quarter levels and remedial measures, as necessary, are taken for completion of projects as per schedule.